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Frae the Chair



Greetings,

I've decided to forego my missives and musings for this edition during these times of 'Covid House Arrest'. Accept the following 'Tartan Design Essentials' as a welcome distraction till we get through our trials.

Hopefully you're attending the Spring General Meeting where you'll be able to participate in a Tartan design. Here's some essentials to help you in doing a tartan design.

If you're like me you're probably thinking, no way, designing a tartan is difficult and requires both years of training and some inborn genius. And you'd be wrong just as I was. Now I'm not claiming that awarding winning, stunning, and majestic tartans are immediately in reach but the essential steps can be easily followed to produce tartans which look as authentic as any that you'll see out there.

Some tartan basics and terminology to keep in mind.

A tartan is a plaid with a name which usually identifies a community or a purpose for using.

A plaid is a crisscross pattern of two or more colours.

A sett is the basic tile of a plaid such that it repeats across the width and length the fabric

Plaids may be symmetrical meaning that the sett pattern alternates between a forward and reverse pattern.

Plaids may also be asymmetrical meaning that the sett pattern doesn't reverse. The Maple Leaf Tartan is a complex asymmetrical plaid while most clan tartans are symmetrical.

A check is a plaid with a regular pattern usually of only two colours. An example is the Rob Roy Tartan.

Here's what I, with family and a wee dram, were able to come with as amateur tartan designer steps. Yes, it sounds like paint by numbers only what you get is a lot more original.

1) Choose something that you want to design a tartan for. It can be just about anything such as your cat, your partner, your high school or even your favorite dinner. For the design example that follows, a 'Cruise Ship' tartan was chosen. I wonder why?

2) Choose a colour that is most significant for the design that you are doing. This will start as the most dominant colour in the design. With the colour choice have an explanation of why the colour is being chosen. For the Cruise Ship tartan, we chose white as it being the most common colour we see for cruise ships.

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Spring General Meeting - Tartan Week Party

**Spring General Meeting
Tartan Week Party
On Zoom and Facebook
Sunday April 11, 2021
2pm to 4pm ET**

Join us for a special Tartan Week Celebration
Featuring

Music, Videos, Presentations, and Tartan Design

Advance registration is required for attending by Zoom

Click [here](#) by Saturday April 10, 2021

or

Contact events@cassoc.ca for more information

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3) Pick the next most significant colour. Easy one in this case since Aqua Blue is the colour we thought of for the ocean. A big hint here. Try to avoid having similar colours together. If we had picked light grey, for instance, it would have likely just looked like dirty white. Be bold, have contrast and you can tone it down later when actually visualizing your masterpiece.

4) Pick the third most significant colour. Almost as easy for us to choose Yellow for the sunshine that we expect on a cruise.

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5) You're now past the minimum of two colours so you may want think about how many colours you want to use. I suggest that you choose from more than two and maximum of seven or less. Remember that colours can be reused. In my Clan Gregor tartan there's usually red, green, black, and white. Red is used twice, green is used twice, black is optionally used once, and white is used once. BTW, you can, and quite possibly will, change your mind about this during design.

The other consideration is that the number of colours variations that appear in the pattern ends up being the summation of the series of 1 to the number of colours. For 4 colours, this is $4+3+2+1 = 10$. For 7 colours, this is $7+6+5+4+3+2+1 = 28$. You can see how the aesthetics can fall off with too many colours.

6) Continue picking colours until you feel you've exhausted significant colours to choose. In our example we added Sky Blue for the clear sky that was letting the sun shine. Then an Orange because the favourite time was watching the sunsets with someone. Then a purple for the exotic evening shows on the ship.

So the draft colours in our example were white, aqua blue, yellow, sky blue, orange, and purple.

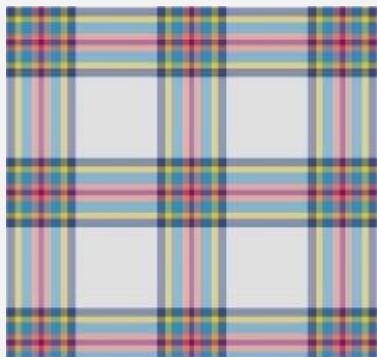
7) Time to try the colours out and for this we went to TartanDesigner.com, started a new design and worked out the last piece of the design puzzle. This was the number of threads for each colour. For our example we first tried thread counts such as '98,66,44,30,20,6' and '32,22,14,10,6,2' but then we tweaked until we had something we all could agree on having a 'Cruise Ship' feel to it. This was '56,06,04,08,04,04'.

At this point you'll find it difficult not to play with your design. You can move colours around, switch them and adjust the ratios. Don't forget though to note when you really like a combination. One of the easy things to change is the first colour to alter the overall look. In our case we switched the white to a colour called Dirty Old Gold and found we quite liked it. Perhaps this will be our River Cruise Tartan.

Yours Aye,

William Robert Petrie - Clan Gregor

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Cruise Ship Tartan



River Cruise Tartan



As all in-person events have been cancelled due to the pandemic, the University of Guelph's Annual Scottish Studies Spring Colloquium has been replaced by a series of virtual seminars on Zoom, all of which are free and open to the public worldwide.

On April 13th at 7:30 p.m. Prof. Timothy Shannon (Gettysburg College) will present *The Curious Career of Peter Williamson, or How a Scottish Indentured Servant in America Became Edinburgh's King of the Indians*. Timothy won last year's Frank Watson Prize for his book *Indian Captive, Indian King* which tells the story of "Indian Peter," the Aberdeenshire boy taken to Philadelphia and sold for £16 in 1743.

Meg Dods

The last in this series will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 27, when Amy Beingessner (University of Guelph) will present *Highwaymen, Scandal and Haggis: Recipes from the Cleikum Inn*. In 1826, a woman by the name of Meg Dods, who was the landlady of the Cleikum Inn near Peebles, produced her cookery book: *The Cook's and Housewife's Manual*. The Inn housed the gatherings of the Cleikum Club with Sir Walter Scott among its founders. Meg's book contained her award-winning recipe for the haggis served at the Club, one of the first organizations to organize Burns Nights.

I do hope you will find these talks of interest. Please visit our website (www.scottishstudies.com) which will be updated as more information becomes available.

Best regards,

David Hunter, President
Scottish Studies Foundation

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CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary

Watch for the upcoming posts on social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn and Instagram announcing the **CASSOC Scottish Studies Graduate Bursary** with the College of Arts at the University of Guelph. The purpose of the bursary is to support students registered in the MA or PhD programs offered by the Department of History whose thesis, major research paper, or dissertation is focused on any dimension of Scottish history, in any period, and who have demonstrated financial need. CASSOC is thrilled to be making a difference to students while helping bring greater awareness to Scottish History and the Scottish Studies program at the University of Guelph.

William Petrie
Chair, Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada

Games, Festivals and Other Events

As of publication, check the CASSOC [website](#) for the latest listings.

In-person gatherings will be subject to ongoing restrictions for public gatherings.

As the date for these events approach, please verify status with the event organizers for any

April 11	CASSOC General Meeting and Tartan Week Event	Zoom and Facebook Stream	Contact events@cassoc.ca for a zoom invite or check the latest CASSOC email
April 13	Scottish Studies Foundation: The Curious Career of P. Williamson	Virtual seminar	https://p10.secure.hostingprod.com/@scottishstudies.com/ssl/index.htm
Apr 27	Scottish Studies Foundation: Highwaymen, Scandal and Haggis	Virtual seminar	https://p10.secure.hostingprod.com/@scottishstudies.com/ssl/index.htm
May 27-29	Mosaic – A Festival of Cultures	Regina, SK	www.reginamulticulturalcouncil.ca/info/mosaic-a-festival-of-cultures.html
June 18-20	Greater Moncton Highland Games	Moncton, NB	https://monctonhighlandgames.com
June	Red Deer Highland Games	Red Deer, AB	www.reddeerhighlandgames.com
Jun 26	Perth's World Record Kilt Run	Perth, ON	www.perthkiltrun.ca
Jun 26–Jul 3	Royal NS International Tattoo	Halifax, NS	www.nstattoo.ca
July 2-4	Almonte Celtfest	Almonte, ON	http://almonteceltfest.com
Jul 3	Penticton Scottish Festival	Penticton, BC	www.pentictonscottishfestival.ca
July 16-18	Antigonish Highland Games	Antigonish, NS	www.antigonishhighlandgames.ca
July 23-24	Okanagan Military Tattoo	Armstrong, BC	https://okanagantattoo.ca/
July	Uxbridge Scottish Festival	Uxbridge, ON	https://uxbridgescottishfestival.com
Aug 1	Montreal Scottish Festival & H. G.	Montreal, QC	www.montrealhighlandgames.com
Aug 6-8	Goderich Celtic Roots Festival	Goderich, ON	www.celticfestival.ca
Aug	Folk Fest Saskatoon	Saskatoon, SK	https://saskatoonfolkfest.com
Aug 13-15	Margaree Highland Games	Margaree Valley, NS	www.caledoniacelticfestival.com
Aug 13-15	Fergus Scottish Festival & H. G.	Fergus, ON	www.fergusscottishfestival.com
Aug	Miramichi Scottish Festival	Miramichi, NB	www.miramichiscottishfestival.com
Aug 28	North Lanark Highland Games	Almonte, ON	www.almontehighlandgames.com
Sep 4-5	Canmore Highland Games	Canmore, AB	www.canmorehighlandgames.ca
Sep	Calgary Highland Games	Calgary, AB	www.calgaryhighlandgames.org
Sep 10-11	Cobourg Highland Games	Cobourg, ON	www.cobourghighlandgames.ca
Nov 12-14	Scottish N.A. Community Conf	TBA	https://scottishleadershipconference.com

Clan Bell North America - President's Message

Bells and Their Indelible Mark on Scotland

Bells have been leaving their mark on Scotland for centuries but never more indelibly than on many of the stone structures all



Blacket House as it appeared in the 1970s with the roof still intact.

throughout that land built all or in part by Bell stonemasons. Bells built Blacket House Tower, the ancestral seat of Clan Bell in Scotland and the home of William "Redcloak" Bell, the last clan chief. Though Blacket House Tower was destroyed in an English raid in 1547, the tower was later rebuilt and used by Clan Chief William "Redcloak" Bell (d. 1628). A good por-

tion of the Clan Bell pele tower remains standing today.

In addition to rebuilding Blacket House, Bell stonemasons built the Castles of Mar, which includes Crathes Castle (built 1553-1596), Midmar Castle (built 1565-1575), Seton Tower at Fyvie Castle (built circa 1599), Castle Fraser (built 1575-1636), and Cragievar Castle (built 1610-1626). This prominent family of Bell masons was headed by Master Mason George Bell whose "signature" is inscribed right into the walls of the castles, and memorialized on a gravestone in the churchyard at Castle Midmar inscribed: "Heir Lyis Georg Bel



Inscription in the gatehouse stonework of Balvaird Castle (Photo courtesy of Gaz Bell.)

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A panel on the northern side of Castle Fraser is signed "I Bel", believed to be the mark of the master mason John Bell of Midmar.

Slainte!

Joseph L. Bell

The Declaration of Arbroath - From nrscotland.gov.uk/declaration

The Declaration of Arbroath, dated 6th April 1320, is widely seen as Scotland's most iconic document. One of the treasures of National Records of Scotland, it is regarded as the key Scottish document from the Wars of Independence when the Scots attempted to reaffirm the independence of the kingdom of Scotland against English claims to overlordship.



The Declaration is a letter from the barons and the community of the realm of Scotland to Pope John XXII. It is a carefully crafted appeal designed to persuade the Pope to reconsider his approach

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to the long-running Anglo-Scottish conflict.

The Declaration's stirring language, and its evocative sentiments of nationhood and freedom, have given it a special distinction since then, not just in Scotland but worldwide.

Why was the Declaration needed?

Despite the Scottish victory over English King Edward II at the Battle of Bannockburn in June 1314, and continued Scottish raids on the north of England, Edward would not drop the long-standing English claim to overlordship of Scotland. Neither Edward nor the Pope recognised Robert I as king of Scots.

A papal attempt to secure peace failed when King Robert recaptured the border town of Berwick in 1318. The Pope issued letters in November 1319 summoning the King and four Scottish bishops to attend the papal court. Their refusal to obey the summons led to their excommunication.

The Declaration was part of their diplomatic counter-offensive.

Drafting the Declaration

The Declaration's content was probably planned at a meeting of the King and his council of advisers at Newbattle Abbey, just south of Edinburgh, in March 1320. Arrangements were presumably made then for the barons to seal the letter.

The Declaration was written in Latin on sheep-skin, and is dated at the monastery of Arbroath in Angus, the location of the king's chancery or writing-office. King Robert's chancellor, Bernard, was abbot of Arbroath.

The letter was written by one of the chancery scribes. It is about 1000 words long. Its author included short quotations from the Bible and from the 1st century BC Roman author and politician, Sallust, re-phrased to emphasise the argument.



Content of the Declaration

The Declaration emphasises Scotland's long history as an independent Christian kingdom. It contains a brief account of the mythical origins of the Scots: they had overcome many difficulties in their journey from Greater Scythia (to the north of the Black Sea) via Spain to Scotland.

It explains that they had lived in freedom and peace until King Edward I (father of the present King Edward II) invaded Scotland and caused widespread havoc.

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The Declaration asserts that the Scots were saved by their present King, Robert Bruce, whom they will defend as their king unless he seeks to make their kingdom subject to the English king. The Pope is asked to persuade Edward II to leave the Scots in peace, and Scotland's support for a crusade is pledged if peace should be achieved. The letter closes with a threat to the Pope – that he would be answerable to God should war continue.

The people of the Declaration

The Declaration was sent in the names of eight earls and 31 barons of Scotland.

It implies that all Scots were steadfast in their support of Robert I as king. But in reality that support was not universal. The majority of the barons named in the Declaration were King Robert's loyal supporters, but not all. Furthermore, Robert's dynasty was fragile – his heir, grandson Robert Stewart, was only four years old.

In December 1318 an act of Parliament had been passed against anyone spreading rumours against the king or his government, and within weeks of the Declaration being drafted, a conspiracy against King Robert I was uncovered. Its leaders were savagely dealt with at Parliament in August 1320. The conspirators intended to oust Robert, but it is not clear whom they wanted as his replacement. Historians speculate that they preferred to have Edward Balliol (son of King John Balliol, deposed in 1296) as king, rather than Robert.

Sealing the Declaration

Documents at this time were not signed. To authenticate documents, wax seals were attached. Seals were commonly used by the king and his officials, landowners, churchmen, and merchants.

There are nineteen seals currently attached to the Declaration. Perhaps as many as 50 seals might once have been attached, but seals are easily lost or damaged. Depicted on the seals is a mixture of heraldic and personal motifs. Three seals are equestrian, showing knights on horseback. They are the seals of some of the more important barons, and are in red wax. The seals of the less important barons are in green wax.

No royal seal is appended because it was a letter sent in the name of the barons. A separate letter was sent by the King, and by the bishop.

of St Andrews, but those letters have been long lost. Multi-sealed documents like this are rare but are not unusual for a document of national significance.

What did the Declaration achieve?

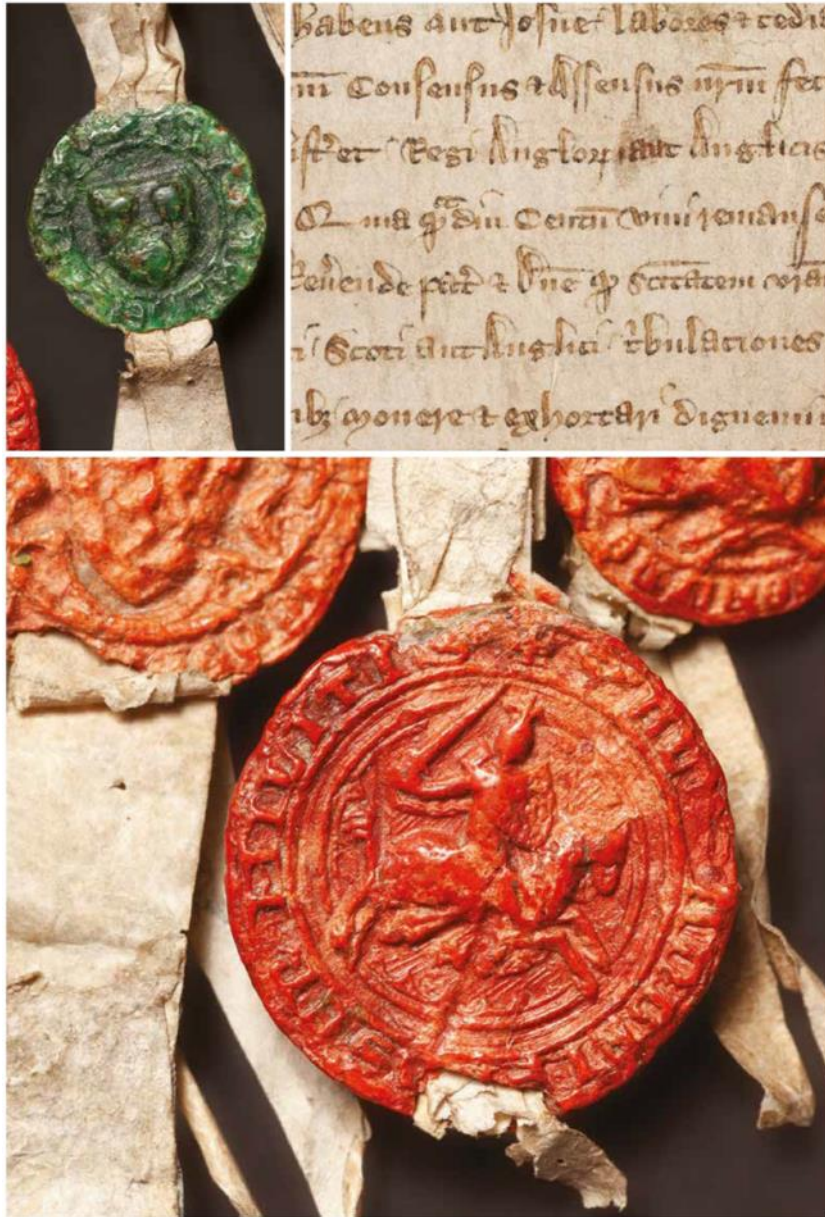
In his reply to the letter, the Pope urged a reconciliation between the warring sides. Following the deposition of Edward II in 1327 and consequent discord in England, an opportunity arose to negotiate a settlement.

The treaty of Edinburgh-Northampton in March 1328 was supposed to effect a "final and perpetual

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peace". It included the recognition of Robert I as king, and of Scottish independence. In 1329 the Pope issued a bull permitting the anointing and crowning of the king of Scots by the bishop of St Andrews as the Pope's representative, a very important concession.

The Declaration on its own did not cause all this: it was just one step in a long campaign. Alas, the Anglo-Scottish conflict recommenced in 1332.

History of the Declaration

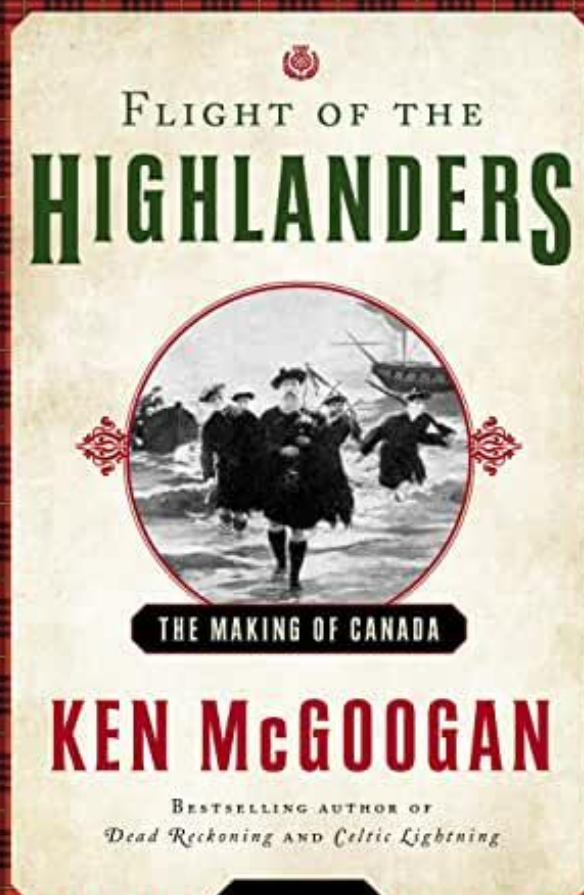
The original letter sent to the Pope has long since disappeared. The document held by National Records of Scotland is what is regarded as the Scottish "file copy", but it was undoubtedly written at the same time as the original letter.

This copy of the Declaration was held amongst the Scottish national archives in Edinburgh Castle. During building work there in the 17th century the Declaration fell into private custody. In 1829, the Declaration was restored to its natural home amongst the national archives in their then-new repository,

H M General Register House, Edinburgh. The text of the Declaration was copied into some medieval manuscripts, such as histories of Scotland. The first English translation appeared in 1689. Subsequent publication in either Latin or English brought the letter to a wider audience.

A large percentage of Canadians and Americans are of Scottish ancestry. It is felt that the Declaration was an underlying aspect of the American Declaration of Independence and it forming a groundwork for Canada's separate sovereignty. As a result, April 6th has been designated Tartan Day in the USA and Canada, an occasion for a festival of Scottish heritage.

Flight of the Highlanders - Book Review by Wayne MacGregor Parker



Flight of the Highlanders: The Making of Canada
by author Ken McGoogan.

Hardcover, 368 pages - Published September 2019 by Patrick Crean Editions; HarperCollins Publishers Ltd.

This is a good book for all Canadians of Scottish decent to read. What sets this book apart from so many well documented accounts is that it goes beyond the clearances, crosses the ocean, and follows the struggles of these wretched souls as they overcome enormous challenges carving out a life and a country here in Canada.

In many instances the author brings the story of their descendants right into the present day. A word of caution though: it is deeply disturbing to fully grasp the dire circumstances under which our ancestors and many others came to Canada. I felt frustration and outright anger at the treatment of these poor people.

The book is divided into three tracks. The first provides a good overview of what was going on in Scotland that led up to the Clearances. The debacle of the failed '45 with Bonnie Prince Charlie and its ramifications is well developed and sets the stage for the destruction of the clan system and the complete corruption of a number of chiefs as they abdicated their duties of protection and support in favour of material gain. This set the stage for the Clearances. It was at this point in the book that my ire began to rise.

The second track deals directly with the forced evictions of poor crofters who had lived for hundreds, if not thousands, of years subsisting on these lands under the collective protection of clan. Heart rending after heart rending account, well supported with direct quotes, tell the stories of widespread brutality at the hands of absentee landlords wishing to improve the financial returns on their lands by forcefully removing people to make room for sheep. They were loaded onto coffins ships with nothing more than the shirt on their backs and then off-loaded at unknown destinations without resources or support. There is one particularly brutal account of the forced eviction of a Gregor as witnessed by Donald Ross.

“Margaret McGregor, aged forty-seven years, was the wife of William Ross, tenant, Greenyard.

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This poor woman met with savage treatment at the hands of the police. She wanted to reason with the sheriff on the impropriety of his conduct, because Mr. Munro, the tacksman, had denied all knowledge of the warrants of his removal. The answer she got was a blow on the shoulder, and then another on the left ear with a baton. That blow was so violent that it cut up the gristle of the ear, breaking the skull and shattering the temporal and sphenoid bones. Result: concussion and compression of the brain. The blow was so forceful that it knocked the poor woman to the ground and caused blood to flow copiously from both ears.

Even after she was on the ground, the police struck her with their batons, and with their feet; and then left her with her head in a pool of blood. Donald Ross could not see the smallest hope of recovery. She was the mother of seven helpless children, and when he saw the poor little things going backwards and forwards, "toddling" around her sick bed, looking with sorrow at her death-like visage, he felt his heart break. The few sentences which the poor woman managed to speak went clearly to show that she had been barbarously treated. Ross's firm conviction was that she was as cruelly murdered as if a policeman had shot her on the links at Tain."

At this point my blood, my Highland blood, began to boil. At the outset, the author correctly draws attention to the fact that under the current United Nations definition, these people were not immigrants; they were refugees. In today's terms, their treatment would indisputably be characterized as ethnic cleansing.

The final track deals with what happened to these poor souls once they landed in the new world. Unfortunately, in all too many cases, more of the same in the form of poor treatment, exploitation and abuse. Shamefully, the history of mankind reveals a pattern of man's inhumanity to man and the struggle of haves and have nots.

The Highlander refugee has to fight for every break against overwhelming odds. McGoogan does a good job of taking the reader through a number of the divisive and often abusive situations they had to work through to get established here in the new world. The emphasis in this final section is centered on how these resilient folks succeeded in stabilizing their lives enough to begin to live again.

In this final section my mood at last transitioned from outright anger, through pity, and on to hope. Eventually their fortunes start to improve as homes and communities are established and institutions based on democratic principles are upheld. It was here that hope blossomed into pride as one begins to see the formation of Canada and the profound effect the mass of Scottish refugees have had on the shaping of our country and its unique and very Scottish form of government.

I highly recommend this book. While historically accurate and presented in good taste, none the less the subject material is disturbing to consider in human terms. It is interesting and well written and will directly appeal to Canadians of Scottish descent.

Wayne MacGregor Parker

Clan Hunter Association, Canada



From Madam Pauline Hunter of Hunterston, Clan Chief

Dear Clansfolk,

As we look forward to lifting regulations in our countries with the pleasure of meeting up again with our family and friends, we must be grateful to those that have helped to care for those of us in need and everyone who has worked to kept us safe.

The new Clan Hunter live meetups have proven to be really popular. It has been such a joy to have met so many of you online and put faces to names, thank you everyone who joined Tom Hunter, Clan President for Canada, Bryan Hunter Clan President for the USA and myself in connecting with us. Going forward I will be hosting live meetups regularly in February, May, September and December.

My plan is to go ahead with our International Gathering over the weekend of 3rd to 5th September this year. The Largs Viking Festival is looking to go ahead as well. However, if not, I am making alternative plans. If our Gathering cannot go ahead there will be an online Gathering with a variety of events for you all. So be assured, there will definitely be something happening. "I will complete the course" is my guide!

Thank you to everyone who joined myself, Lucy, Carol Hunter Sullivan and Lois Wallace in February with Carol and Lois giving us all the information about the tour they have arranged alongside the International Gathering. As things are not entirely clear with international travel I am holding another live meetup with Carol and Lois on the 11th April, when we will have a better idea of where we are with travelling to our Gathering.

Following the great success of our Name the Knight Competition we are holding another for Tartan Day on 6th April. The winner to be announced on the live meetup on Sunday 11th April. See our notice. The following live meetup is on the 2nd May at 1pm EST (Canada and the USA). The topic for May is Hunter

Genealogy and our special guests are Mark Hunter and my brother, Charles Hunter. Charles and Mark will be able to give you guidance and tips for your searches. The new Hunter Genealogy (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huntergenealogy/>). If you haven't yet signed up to join us please subscribe on our Clan Hunter website at www.clanhunterscotland.com to get the link. Our newest venture for you all is producing a Clan Hunter Podcast. This is being undertaken by Lucy, who also writes the Clan Hunter Blog. Our first interview will be announced on our Clan Hunter social media, for those who have signed up on the website, by email. Lucy would be delighted to have any ideas for future podcasts, as we so enjoy hearing what interests you.

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Ross McEwen LL.M (Dist) FSA Scot, Vice-Chair, Clan MacEwen Society has recently approached me to carry out an interview for Clan MacEwen' newsletter. It is always exciting to be able to promote Clan Hunter to fellow Clans to create Links and Friendships.

This year is the 20th Anniversary of our Link of Friendship with Clan Muirhead who have contributed many artifacts to Hunterston Castle in recognition of our longstanding association.

Raymond Morehead, Chief Elect of Clan Muirhead is planning on coming to our Gathering in September as are several other Clan Muirhead members. It is so important that those Clans who are less fortunate than Clan Hunter are given the opportunity to share Hunterston Castle with us in friendship and comradeship.

My good wishes to you all for your wellbeing. I look forward to 'seeing' you online soon.

Yours aye, Madam Pauline

From the Clan Officer, Tom Hunter

Greetings Fellow Clansfolk,

It is hard to believe that we have been in this Covid-19 restriction mode for a year. I am sure like Christine and I, you are wearying to get back to some sort of normalcy. Of course, I hear repeatedly that things will never be as we once knew them so perhaps we should try to be positive and think of the things that have changed in a good way. For example we were able to hold our AGM on Zoom and for the first time we were able to offer the possibility for every member across Canada to be present. This has never really been realistic before. Not only that but we were able to invite our Clan Chief in the UK to join us. What a treat! In that same vein, Madam Pauline is conducting informational Zoom meetings on a regular basis on various subjects of interest, the next one being 2nd May on Genealogy. If you haven't yet signed up to be a part of the new Genealogy Facebook page you might want to make sure you logon to this meeting to see what it is all about. You will find the link to the meeting in Madam Pauline's message within this newsletter.

With regards to the Highland Games Circuit, we have had news that Fergus has once again been cancelled and there will be some sort of virtual activity of which we will keep you informed. This unfortunately is likely to be the same sad story for the other Games throughout the country. Please continue to keep us informed on anything that might be happening in your area and please, once there is an opportunity, please consider hosting a tent at your local Games.

Please stay safe everyone and get your Covid-19 Vaccination ASAP.

Clan Lachlan Association of Canada - President's Message



Greetings Members and Friends of the Clan,

We live in interesting times.

It appears probable that we may require vaccine treatment on a regular basis as protection against a mutant Virus threat. Couple this with the effects of Climate change, and we face a challenging future NOW.

Over the last 90 years I have lived through the

effects of World War 1 and the Great Depression, World War 2 including our bombed house in the Clydeside Blitz, the Cold War with Russia, Emigration to North America, Brussels & European Integration, the rise of China, the impact of world-wide internet, and low-cost computing. Now we must add the Virus Threat.

From about 1300 to about 2000 the clan organization was built on geographical groups of clan members, first in Scotland and Ireland then in England, Canada, the United States, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa. Now we have the capability to form world-wide groups on any topic. I hope that we can organize ourselves in the near future.

I send regards to all members and their families.

Duncan MacLachlan - #41

Chief's Commissioner,

Executive Trustee Lachlan Trust of Canada,

President Clan Lachlan Association of Canada.



Duncan and Chief Euan at the Clan Gathering in 2001 at Castle Lachlan

Virtual Walking Tours of Edinburgh and Area

Thanks to advice from a friend, Bob Bissett, (a former resident of Edinburgh), here are links to 3 virtual walking tours of Edinburgh, Scotland, hosted by Ruairidh Mason, for your enjoyment.

1. Cammo Estate <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/environment/best-walks-around-edinburgh-cammo-estate-3116151?r=3002>
2. The Water of Leith <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/environment/best-walks-around-edinburgh-water-leith-3099094?r=630>
3. Hermitage of Braid <https://www.edinburghnews.scotsman.com/news/environment/the-best-walks-around-edinburgh-hermitage-of-braid-3157160>

Genealogy Research

Scottish Kirk Session Records

The big news of late is that Scotland's People have finally (after years of waiting) made their collection of Kirk Session Records available on-line! These records contain sanctions of the Scottish Kirk Elders against the misdeeds of their parishioners, as well as, in some cases, poor relief names and amounts, and some financial data for the particular Parish. While these are not indexed, one can search through them by a specific year.

Here is the link to Scotland's Peoples main page <https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Once you have logged in, go to 'search' in the "Virtual Volumes" section, where you can search in a variety of ways. I think the most useful would be to do a "Place Search", whereby one may search for Parish, Shire, or City. Since I have ancestors in Perthshire, and I know the Parishes in which they lived, I can use, for example, the Parish names of "Fortingall, and "Weem" to locate and view the appropriate records.

Since many of these records extend into the 1600s, they record family names well before any British Census Records were taken, and are thus a valuable source of family data.

One can browse these for FREE, but if a copy of an actual image is desired, then one uses paid credits to do so, but the cost is quite reasonable.

Clan Logan Society of Canada



CASSOC January 2021 Meeting (French version follows/ la version française suit)

Clan Logan attended the CASSOC meeting on Sunday, January 31st, 2021. This gave us the opportunity to get together with the rest of the CASSOC board to discuss important issues.



William Petrie opens the meeting / William Petrie ouvre la réunion

Our hosts were chair William Petrie, Clan Gregor, and Secretary Jo Ann Tuskin, Clan Munro. Discussions took place relating to the various issues we face as Scottish clans and how we can make a difference in our communities in Canada with various initiatives. We spoke together about the current Kiltskate Home Edition event happening across the



Jo-Ann Tuskin presents the revamped website to board members
Jo-Ann Tuskin présente aux membres du conseil le site Web remanié

country as well as tartan day coming up in April. Our biggest challenge is how to get people to take notice and participate a little more in these events.

Jo Ann Tuskin presented the revamped CASSOC website to the board. Clan Logan actively participated in helping with this project by submitting translations and giving recommendations. As a result, for the first time, CASSOC will soon be able to reach out to more diverse communities across Canada as CSEC (Clans et sociétés écossaises du Canada). This is a wonderful start towards including the francophone Scottish communities and giving them a platform to share ideas and participate in their own way with all of us. We look forward to exchanging, promoting CASSOC and meeting

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up with these various communities in each of our Canadian provinces.

During the meeting, William Petrie reiterated the importance of giving a sense of purpose to our organization by getting it involved in different projects so that we can attract more new members. Many board members agreed that we need to find a way to reach out in each province with different projects. We plan on going one step at a time. We are excited about what the future holds for CASSOC and feel privileged to be in a position to contribute and bring on our own difference.



Clan Logan ready to go with the meeting! / Clan Logan prêt à participer à la réunion!

Réunion CSEC de Janvier 2021

Le clan Logan a assisté à la réunion CSEC dimanche le 31 janvier 2021. Cela nous a donné l'opportunité de se réunir avec le reste du conseil d'administration pour discuter des enjeux que nous avons.

Nos hôtes étaient le président William Petrie, Clan Gregor, et la secrétaire Jo Ann Tuskin, Clan Munro. Des discussions ont eu lieu concernant

les divers défis auxquels nous sommes confrontés en tant que clans écossais et comment pouvons nous faire une différence auprès de nos communautés canadiennes en utilisant diverses initiatives. Nous avons discutés du Kiltskate Home Edition, qui a actuellement eu lieu à travers le pays, ainsi de la journée du tartan prévu pour avril prochain. Notre gros défis est de découvrir comment faire en sorte que les gens prennent note et participent un peu plus à ces événements.

Jo Ann Tuskin a présenté au conseil d'administration le site Web remanié du CSEC. Le clan Logan a activement participé à ce projet en soumettant des traductions et en donnant des recommandations. En conséquence, pour la première fois, nous allons bientôt être en mesure de rejoindre des communautés plus diversifiées à travers le Canada en tant que CSEC (Clans et Sociétés écossaises du Canada). C'est un formidable début d'inclusion des communautés francophones écossaises et donnera une plateforme pour partager des idées et participer à leur manière avec nous tous. Nous attendons avec impatience la possibilité d'échanger, de promouvoir CSEC et de rencontrer ces différentes communautés dans chacune de nos provinces canadiennes.

Lors de cette réunion, William Petrie a réitéré l'importance de donner un sens à notre organisation en l'impliquant dans différents projets afin que nous puissions attirer plus de nouveaux membres. De nombreux membres du conseil ont convenu que nous devons trouver une façon d'implanter des projets dans chaque province canadienne. Nous prévoyons d'aller une étape à la fois. Nous sommes ravis de ce que l'avenir réserve au CSEC et nous nous sentons privilégiés d'être en position de contribuer et apporter notre propre différence.

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Chief Restoration Zoom Event

(French version follows/ la version française suit)

On Saturday, February 6th, 2020, something very important and magical occurred. For the very first time, Clan Logan Society International had a zoom event about the Clan Logan Chief Project hosted by John Marjoribanks and James C. Logan.



John Marjoribanks in action / John Marjoribanks en action!

This event was dedicated to the memory of Vernon E. Logan of North Carolina, founding father of the Clan Logan Society International (serving from 2008 to 2018). The Chief restoration project was created under his leadership. It was also a tribute to Peter Logan (1936-2015) of the United Kingdom, life member and founder of the Clan Logan Society International. He was resolute in his genealogy research to identify a living relative of our last Chief, Hugh Logan, who died in 1802 without a male heir.

Twenty-five people came to hear more about how we are trying to find our Scottish Chief. There were Logans from Canada, the United States, Guam and even the UK. Most everyone was wearing Logan tartan too which pleased us greatly! As Clan Logan Commissioner of Canada, I had the honour and pleasure to present Patrick Dionne-Kuno, our Clan Logan Rep-

resentative of Ontario to the crowd in attendance at this first live event. We also had Logan supporters and even other clans like Clan McEwen who came to know more. We were blown away by John Marjoribank's excellent presentation.

John has demonstrated through his hard work and commitment that he is a huge asset for our Clan. He explained the process that our Clan needs to go through in detail so that we can get our clan recognized and retrieve our legal and noble status. We were shown a map of Scotland showing Logan locations in Scotland. Drumderfit, home of the Highland Logans, Grugar in Ayrshire home of the Logans who acquired Restalrig between Edinburgh and Leith, Logan in Ayrshire, the home of Logans of that Ilk and Logan in the Rhinns of Galloway, home of the McDowells of Logan. Each point was explained to the attendees present in great detail. We were also shown a genealogical tree of the last Logan Chief to explain the research made and where it all began.

In this presentation, there was no doubt made about our Clan Status. Some people claim we are a sept, but this is false since a Coat of Arms was registered by George Logan of that Ilk in 1673 that would indicate there was a Chief at that time. Furthermore, we have even received a correspondence from the Lord Lyon, Mr. Robin Blair, LVO, WS dated September 25th, 2002 clarifying this issue that confirms this fact.

During this presentation, it became really clear that our Clan is growing, and that people are getting more and more interested. We were with so many people who were proud of their

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Logan heritage, all inspired. After the presentation, we were able to talk and share and there was a strong sense of unity not seen in a very very long time. This gives all of us a greater sense of purpose and really shows the importance of visibility. Attending Highland Games, participating in events. meeting people. For a Clan to live it must get its members active! This event was such a huge success that many requested other events to follow, something we are seriously considering. We also hope to reach out and get more members willing to join us in our cause. We would like to thank the Wright Memorial Fund for making this event possible.

Événement Zoom projet restauration du chef

Samedi le 6 février 2020, quelque chose de très important et magique s'est produit. Pour la première fois, le Clan Logan Society International a tenu un événement zoom sur le projet chef du clan Logan organisé par John Marjoribanks et James C. Logan. Tout a commencé avec une dédicace à la mémoire de Vernon E. Logan de Caroline du Nord, père fondateur du Clan Logan Society International (service de 2008 à 2018). Le projet restauration du chef a été créé sous sa direction. C'était aussi un hommage à Peter Logan (1936-2015) du Royaume-Uni, membre à vie et fondateur du Clan Logan Society International. Il a été résolu dans sa recherche généalogique à identifier un parent vivant de notre dernier chef, Hugh Logan, décédé en 1802 sans héritier mâle.

Vingt-cinq personnes sont venues en savoir

plus sur la façon dont nous essayons de trouver notre chef écossais. Il y avait des Logan du Canada, des États-Unis, de Guam et même du Royaume-Uni. La plupart des participants portaient le tartan Logan qui nous a grandement plu! En tant que commissaire du clan Logan du Canada, j'ai eu l'honneur et le plaisir de présenter Patrick Dionne-Kuno, notre représentant de l'Ontario, à la foule présente à ce premier événement en direct. Nous avons aussi des partisans de Logan et même d'autres clans comme clan McEwen. Nous



James C. Logan welcomes guests wearing full Logan tartan! / James C. Logan accueille les invités vêtu entièrement du tartan Logan!

avons été époustoufflés par l'excellente présentation de John Marjoribank. Il a démontré par son travail acharné et son engagement qu'il est un atout énorme pour notre clan. Le processus que notre clan doit suivre a été expliqué en détail afin que nous puissions faire reconnaître notre clan et récupérer notre statut légal et noble. On nous a montré une carte de l'Écosse exposant les emplacements Logan en Écosse. Drumderfit, lieu d'origine des Logans des hautes plaines, Grugar dans le Ayrshire où les Logan ont acquis Restalrig entre Edimbourg, Leith, l'origine des Logans de cette Ilk (Ilk voulant dire l'ancêtre originel des Logan) et Logan dans les Rhinns de Galloway,

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maison des McDowells de Logan. Chaque point a été expliqué aux participants présents en grand détail. On nous a également montré un arbre généalogique du dernier chef Logan afin d'expliquer les recherches faites et où tout a commencé.

Dans cette présentation, il n'y avait aucun doute sur notre statut de clan. Certaines personnes prétendent que nous sommes un sept, mais c'est faux en raison du fait qu'un blason a été enregistré par George Logan de cet Ilk en 1673, ce qui indiquerait qu'il y avait un chef à ce moment-là. En outre, nous avons même reçu une correspondance du Lord Lyon, M. Robin Blair, LVO, WS daté du 25 septembre 2002 clarifiant cette question qui confirme ce fait.

Au cours de cette présentation, il est devenu très clair que notre clan grandit de plus en plus

et que les gens sont de plus en plus intéressés. Nous étions avec tant de gens qui étaient fiers de leur héritage Logan, tous inspirés.

Après la présentation, nous avons pu parler et partager et il y avait un fort sentiment d'unité qui n'avait pas été vu depuis très très longtemps. Cela nous donne tous un énorme sentiment d'appartenance et de la visibilité. Participer aux jeux écossais ici et ailleurs, prendre part à des événements variés et rencontrer les gens, tout ceci met l'accent sur notre but principal, celui de montrer que nous sommes un vrai clan écossais. Pour qu'un clan vit, il doit faire participer ses membres ! Cet événement a été un tel succès que de nombreux participants ont demandé d'autres événements à suivre, quelque chose que nous envisageons sérieusement. Nous espérons également atteindre et obtenir plus de membres prêts à se joindre à nous dans notre cause. Nous tenons à remercier le Fonds commémoratif Wright d'avoir rendu cet événement possible.

Black Watch Veterans Association Meeting

(French version follows/ la version française suit)

On the evening of Tuesday January 26th, 2021, Clan Logan attended the virtual Black Watch Veterans Association meeting. It was an opportunity to meet up with our veterans and started with general chit chat. we enjoyed getting everyone's news as we can't meet up at The Black Watch Armoury just yet. The Association then gave a detailed report and spoke of the activities done through the holidays and details of what's to come for 2021.

Clan Logan was surprised to learn that Lt. Col. Bruno Plourde has taken over the role of 2nd

Vice-President. Bruno Plourde was the person who greeted us and noticed Clan Logan at our very first Montreal Highland Games in 2015. We also had the opportunity to participate at many Black Watch Regiment activities together through the years. It was nice to see a familiar face and know that we will continue to work together closely.

Mireille Gravel McLellan represented the Black Watch Family Division (formerly the Woman's Division). At this meeting, there was cake as we celebrated the 158th Anniversary of the Black Watch regiment. Among the topics discussed were welfare issues for our veterans at St-Anne's Hospital.

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Gord Ritchie, 1st VP, lights the candles
Gord Ritchie, 1er VP, allume les chandelles

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Sterling Downey, City Councilor of Montreal was also present. Questions were raised about our Canadian legion and Sterling answered various questions given as to how they can be helped. Clan Logan joined the conversation and was able to promote the Chief restoration zoom meeting hosted by our own John Marjoribanks that we will be having Feb.6th. It was a wonderful meeting that we enjoyed!

Réunion de l'Association des vétérans du Black Watch

Dans la soirée de mardi le 26 janvier 2021, le clan Logan a assisté à la réunion virtuelle de l'Association des vétérans du Black Watch. Ce fut l'occasion de rencontrer nos vétérans et de débiter la réunion avec du bavardage. Nous avons apprécié recevoir des nouvelles de tout le monde car nous ne pouvons pas encore nous rencontrer à l'arsenal Black Watch. L'association a ensuite donné un rapport et a parlé des activités de l'association pendant les vacances des fêtes et a donné des détails sur ce qui est à venir pour 2021.

Le clan Logan a été surpris d'apprendre que le lieutenant-colonel Bruno Plourde a repris le

rôle de 2ième vice-président. C'est Bruno Plourde qui nous a accueillis et fait la remarque de la première participation du clan Logan au Jeux écossais de Montréal en 2015. Depuis, au fil des ans nous avons eu l'occasion de participer à de nombreuses activités avec le régiment Black Watch. C'était agréable de voir un visage familier et de savoir que allons continuer à travailler en étroite collaboration.

Mireille Gravel McLellan a représenté la division famille du Black Watch (anciennement la division des femmes du Black watch) . Durant la réunion il y avait du gâteau pour célébrer le 158e anniversaire du régiment Black Watch. Parmi les sujets abordés figuraient les questions de bien-être pour nos anciens combattants à l'Hôpital Sainte-Anne.

Sterling Downey, conseiller municipal de Montréal, était également présent. Des questions ont été soulevées au sujet de notre légion canadienne et Sterling a répondu pour ce qui est de la façon de les aider. Le clan Logan s'est joint à la conversation et a pu faire la promotion de notre réunion zoom prévu pour le 6 février pour la restauration de notre chef organisée par notre propre John Marjoribanks. Ce fut une merveilleuse rencontre que nous avons apprécié!



Treasurer Jean-Pierre Duplantis sharing a few financials
Le trésorier Jean-Pierre Duplantis partage quelques informations financières

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Ottawa Scottish Society Burns Night

(French version follows/ la version française suit)

On Saturday, January 23rd, The Ottawa Scottish Society celebrated Scotland's National Bard, Robert Burns. Clan Logan attended the event all dressed up to celebrate and enjoyed a nice plate of traditional Haggis Neeps and Tatties.

The evening started with the presentation of the film, primordial Waters and followed with the program of the evening. We were delighted by the sounds of the pipes of The Ottawa Cameron Highlanders (Duke of Edinburgh's Own). Lieutenant-Colonel Carl Gauthier was the master of ceremony for this 3rd annual Gala Robbie Burns supper that was very different from years past since it was done virtually. We had a Selkirk Grace done by Rev. Dr. Karen Dimock of St-Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Ronald Roach performed the address to a haggis. Clan Logan was entertained with the Fiddlares. Young and talented Wilson, 10 years old and Lucy, 8 years old gave us a spotless fiddling performance that impressed everyone at the event.

The Scottish television and film actor Graham McTavish from the series Outlander gave a very good immortal memory of Burns. There was much footage of various Scottish dancers representing the Ottawa Highland Dance Association performing and it all concluded with

footage of people doing traditional Scottish country dances done by the Royal Scottish Country dancing Association. There was a toast to the Lassies and a then a toast to the ladies, ending with Auld Lang Syne. This year's event was different that those of years past, but Clan Logan really enjoyed attending. We would like to thank the Ottawa Scottish Society for this memorable Burns night we will always remember.



The Fiddlares – Wilson and Lucy / Les Fiddlares Wilson et Lucy

Soirée Burns de Ottawa Scottish Society

Samedi le 23 janvier, la Société écossaise d'Ottawa a célébré notre barde national, Robert Burns. Le clan Logan a assisté à l'événement tout habillé en traditionnel écossais pour célébrer et dégusté une belle assiette traditionnelle de Haggis, navets et pommes de terre en purée.

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La soirée a commencé par la présentation du film, Eaux primordiales suivi du programme de la soirée. Nous étions ravis des cornemuses des Cameron Highlanders d'Ottawa (Duke of



Graham McTavish

Edinburgh's Own). Carl Gauthier était le maître de cérémonie pour ce 3ième édition du souper annuel du gala Robbie Burns qui était très différent des années antérieures. L'événement a été fait virtuellement. Nous avons eu un Selkirk Grace exécuté par le Révérend Dr Karen Dimock de l'église presbytérienne St-Andrew, et Ronald Roach a exécuté l'adresse à un haggis. Le clan Logan était divertie avec les Fidélaires. Ces Jeunes enfants talentueux, Wilson 10 ans et Lucy 8 ans, ont donné des performances de violon impeccables qui en ont impressionnés plus d'un. L'acteur écossais de télévision et cinéma Graham McTavish, de la télésérie Le Chardon et le Tartan, a donné un bon recital de la mémoire immortelle de Burns. Il y avait beaucoup d'images de divers danseurs écossais représentant l'Association Ottawa Highland Dance et tout s'est conclu avec d'autres images de personnes faisant des danses traditionnelles écossaises réalisées par le Royal Scottish Association de danse country. Il y a eu un toast aux Lassies et un autre toast aux laddies en finissant avec Auld Lang Syne.

L'événement de cette année était différent de ceux des années passées, mais le clan Logan a vraiment apprécié d'y assister. Nous voulons remercier la Société écossaise d'Ottawa pour cette soirée Burns mémorable dont nous nous souviendrons toujours.

Clan Logan Society of Canada

Ringwood virtual Highland Games 2021

(French version follows/ la version française suit)

On February 27th, 2021, Clan Logan attended the Virtual Highland Games 2021, presented by Chuck N Big in partnership with Ringwood Highland Games & Celtic Festival who have been doing games for over 50 years now. It was really nice and refreshing to see Scottish Games happening in other parts of the world. Scottish Highland Games done with the beautiful scenery that Australia has to offer made these games extra special.

The Mayor of Maroondah, Kylie Spears introduced this event that presented all the best

action. We heard the bagpipes of The Maroondah Highland Pipeband. There were also some Highland heavy demonstrations, Scottish country dancing and traditional Scottish dancing.

Various groups sang and there was a magical presentation by harpist Elizabeth Sutherland. At these games, there was something for everyone and even the children participated in the action by dancing and sharing their pride in Scottish culture. We watched from home, but we felt like we were right there participating with all of them in our own way. Clan Logan had a wonderful time!

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Les jeux écossais virtuels 2021 de Ringwood

Le 27 février 2021, clan Logan a assisté aux Virtual Highland Games 2021 présentés par Chuck N Big en partenariat avec Ringwood Highland Games & Celtic Festival qui organise des jeux depuis plus de 50 ans. C'était vraiment agréable et rafraîchissant de voir les jeux écossais se produire dans une autre partie du monde. Les jeux écossais avec le beau paysage que l'Australie a à offrir a rendu ces jeux très spécial. La mairesse de Maroondah, Kylie Spears, a présenté cet événement qui pro-

posait de l'action à plus finir. Nous avons entendu la cornemuse de La Maroondah Highland Pipeband. Il y avait aussi quelques démonstrations de poids lourds écossais, la danse country écossaise et traditionnelle.

Divers groupes ont chanté et nous avons eu une présentation magique par la harpiste Elizabeth Sutherland. À ces jeux, il y avait quelque chose pour tout le monde et durant l'événement les enfants ont même participé à l'action en dansant et partageant leur fierté dans la culture écossaise. Nous avons regardé de la maison, mais nous nous sommes sentis comme si nous étions juste là, à côté et participait avec tous à notre façon. Clan Logan a passé un merveilleux moment!



Greetings from the Clan MacEwen Society

Spring is on its way...a little hard to believe as I look out at snow covered fields.

On a positive note, the Clan MacEwen Society is enrolling new members in Canada, Europe, Australia and the United States as we continue on our slow but determined path towards celebrating our first hereditary Chief in over 500 years.

We have recently started monthly virtual meetings with Clan members. These are casual meetings, without agendas, that give us all a chance to meet and greet.

Wishing my fellow CASSOC members a safe Spring

Maggie McEwan

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Slainte!



Clan MacFarlane Worldwide

Well, now we are in the spring of 2021 and so far it seems much like the spring of 2020. Canada is still wearing masks, still under restrictions and we keep going through different colours or restriction levels while waiting for a vaccine. All of us wonder how much longer this will continue before we can get back to meeting with the public and visitors at Highland Games and festivals once again.

On a positive note, at least some people are finally getting their vaccine dose or doses and able to look forward to more positive and less restrictive days ahead. We are all looking forward to the time when we can start to plan functions once again and meet freely in public but most of all visiting friends and family and socializing.

During this downtime, Clan MacFarlane has been putting in the time working on our administrative organization and continuing to update in ways necessary for improved functionality and to better serve our members worldwide as an executive board.

Clan MacFarlane has also been working on contracting out transcriptions of our MacFarlane ancient muniments. We are all anxious to learn what those 1500 -1800's era documents really can tell us about the MacFarlane lands, their chiefs, their businesses, relationships and whatever else they can illustrate for us about life in Scotland at that time in our history.

There is one more project that we have been working on for a while and that is setting up an on-line merchandise shop to make it easier for our members to purchase Clan related items and gifts throughout the year. This is hoped to be active in a month or two so you are welcome to check it out at that time.

All of us have been forced to learn new methods to remain in touch with family and friends in the past year. This was not unlike previous generations who were forced to learn new ways such as the telephone and computers for the first time when they became part of everyday life. Take advantage of all the options we currently enjoy to share your news, ideas and celebrations in this virtual world if you cannot meet together.

Stay safe and stay positive.

'Lock Sloy'

Barb McFarlane-Duff

Clan MacFie Society in Canada



Macfie Clan Society of Canada

Spring is here and I trust all is well with you and your families. It seems the third wave of Covid has now appeared in many communities in and around our great country, so please continue to remain safe and take all the necessary precautions. With the warmer weather arriving it does mean more people are out and walking about. In and around Toronto, and many cities in Ontario, more cafes and restaurants are now allowing outside dining, so please take care if you do go out with a friend for a coffee/dinner.

I sure hope many of you have an opportunity to get vaccinated. I received my first shot of Astra Zeneca just last week, so can't wait for my second shot.

Clan Macfie Day

A reminder that May 27th is Clan Macfie Day. It was on this day in 1981 that the Lord Lyon recognized Clan Macfie as an active clan. Please don't forget something that reminds you of Clan Macfie on May 27.

Clan Commander/International Clan News

As discussed in the January news sent out, Commander Iain McFie continues to struggle with health issues. Please see his written letter to all Clan Macfie Associates below.

Most Clan members know by now that the writer has difficulty in providing written communication to Clan members, as well as others. As a consequence of my inability to maintain ongoing communication with my fellow Clan members, I have made the extremely difficult decision to step down as your Clan Commander. I will be working diligently, as I am able, with the Lord Lyon Court in commencing the process to elect a new Clan Commander. I'm sure that those of you who have known me over the years know what incredible sadness this brings me, but I wish to at all times keep the welfare of the Clan above all else.

I remain at present at Main's House, Newtonmore, and have no idea when I will be transferred to Neilston to live in my new home with Fiona.... When this shall eventually happen with all the Coronavirus stuff going on, is anybody's guess.

It was a wrench having to leave our home in Coullintyre. It was an excellent place to live

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However, when the officials tell you, “We are going to flatten your house to make room for a new road,” there is not a lot you can do to change the course of events.

It is also worth mentioning that when living in Coullintyre, many Macfies from all over the globe were guests. Fiona and I greatly enjoyed all our visits from Clan members throughout the world! The situation in Neilston is quite different as bedrooms are in very short supply

We do have some exciting news. Based on the survey that accompanied the last Clan News, it was decided to have our next Parliament/Clan Gathering in 2023. The likely location will be the lovely city of Glasgow. It was suggested by many for its excellent location with easy travel to and fro. As have past Parliaments, this Gathering will most likely take place the first part of September to take advantage of lower airfares.

This is the 400th anniversary of the death of our last Clan Chief Malcolm (1623 on Colonsay) and we feel it will be an excellent time to honour him. Although we hated to delay the Gathering an extra 2 years, we feel the uncertainty of travel, with the pandemic still raging, in this coming year makes developing long-term plans untenable. We hope you will all start making your travel plans now so that we can have a large Gathering to honour our last Clan Chief!

Please take care of each other.

Iain M. McFie, Ceann Cath

From the President

With Iain stepping down, it does mean a committee will be formed and the Lord Lyon in Scotland will be contacted to move forward in finding a new Clan Commander. In the meantime, please mark your calendars for our next Clan Parliament and Clan Gathering in Sept. 2023. It will probably take place in Glasgow.

A Big Thank You

With the sudden passing of our Treasurer, Herb Franklin, just before Christmas 2020, we are very happy to report, that his wife Sue Franklin continues to assist us and help with our membership/financial responsibilities. I want to thank Sue for her work, and I am asking if anyone who lives near Toronto is interested in becoming our next Treasurer to let me know.

Yours Aye,

Gary MacPhie

President

Macfie Clan Society of Canada

Clan MacRae Society of Canada

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Clan MacRae Society of Canada Celebrates its 20 Year Anniversary.

It is now March 2021! Many of you are probably just as excited as I am now that spring is upon us. Not just because it is the last of the cold winter months but also we are hopefully nearing the end for more stressful times for many of us with home schooling, job losses and not being able to see our friends and family face to face. There will now be some wonderful sunny days ahead. It is getting warmer and we will be able to get outside more. The vaccines are on their way even if you haven't already had your dose or doses and we will soon be able to have time with extended family once again even if it is only outside. The birds are coming back and soon the trees will start to bud which gives us hope. With these positive thoughts, I hope to inspire you to create or think of some ideas when we are able to start planning functions once again and we can greet our visitors at the Highland Games and Festivals once more.

Clan MacRae would first of all like to thank our webmaster Sharon Graves-MacRae for devel-

oping such a lovely bright and informative MacRae website. Thank you for all of the work you have put into it. During this time our Clan MacRae Society of Canada has been working on administrative updates in ways necessary to function better for our members as well as our board. Sometimes it is not easy to come to a mutual agreement but that is what all democratic societies strive for.

We are also working on modifications to the website to enhance security. It seems that this is on everyone's minds these days and is unfortunately increasingly necessary as time goes by in order to protect our members as well as our Board.

Clan MacRae Society of Canada is currently celebrating our 20th year as a society in Canada during 2021 as you may have already noticed.

The idea of a Clan MacRae Society in Canada first came up when a few Canadian MacRaes started to talk about it at the 2000 (millennium) Clan MacRae World Gathering in Scotland while they were attending a gather-

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ing at Eilean Donan Castle. Robert MacRae from BC., led this group with enthusiasm and became our first President when the Clan MacRae Society of Canada began in January 2001. With our contacts, and connections with Scotland, Marigold MacRae, the Constable of Eilean Donan Castle became our Honourary President. We have also been honoured to have Marigold and her daughter, Baroness Miranda van Lynden visit us in Canada and take part in our annual gatherings on several occasions.

Clan MacRae have divided Canada into four regions; Pacific, Western, Central and Eastern Canada with a Vice President responsible for each region. Our new website will touch on our DNA Project, whereby members may submit their DNA in order to obtain a match with other family members in different parts of the world. We will also have a genealogy section where members can connect with others doing a fami-

ly search.

Clan MacRae welcome MacRaes and their septs to join our society and become a member, participate in our upcoming MacRae gatherings, and in the Highland Games that take place in different parts of Canada as soon as it is safe to do so. We have enjoyed meeting MacRaes from all over the world when attending Clan gatherings in Scotland, USA, and Canada.

There are MacRae Societies in the US, Australia, Scotland and Canada working together on DNA and genealogy research.

Since our first beginnings back in 2001, our Board has grown as well as the membership. I invite you to explore our website and please contact us with any information you have about an upcoming event or historical information on your MacRae (or Sept) family and we may even do a write-up for you.

Message from our President: Owen MacRae

Director: Barb Duff



2019 in Scotland Trip

Clan Munro Association of Canada



Fræ the President's Pen:

Dear Cousins,

I hope you and your families are well and maintaining your happiness quotient as best you can during these challenging times.

As I write, it's the first day of Spring. I'm encouraged and my canny sense of optimism has taken a boost. I know that in parts of Canada, Ontario in particular, many cities are being forced into a Third Wave of anti-Covid measures. I had my AZ shot last month and suffered no real ill effects, apart from being a bit crankier than usual. Maybe I'm one of the lucky ones, but I have to say, having the jab does give you a bit more bounce in your step as the perceived risk of dying from the ill effects of the pandemic is reduced considerably.

On a cheerier note, as it's spring equinox, I thought I would look to The Scotsman for some traditional Scottish ways of welcoming spring.

"In Celtic mythology, the spring equinox - or Alban Eiler - was the day that night and day stood equal and the rare balance was seen as a powerful time for magic and nature.

1. Big Porridge Day: In the Western Isles, a large dish of porridge made with butter and other good ingredients was tipped into the sea in the belief it would draw valuable seaweed ashore.

2. Saining Straw: A wisp of straw - or sop seile in Gaelic - was used to deposit drops of water that had come into contact with silver or gold, such as a wedding ring, around the house. The ritual was thought to protect the house and its occupants from the evil eye.

3. A bride's bed: Some regarded the first day of Spring as St Bride's Day, which fell on February 1.

There are some accounts of a sheaf of oats being dressed in woman's clothes to mark the new season. Others have recalled a bed of birch twigs made by the servants of the house for their mistress. Once prepared, the women would shout "bride, bride, come in your bed is ready."

4. Vore Tullye - the Spring Struggle: According to Orkney legend, the Vore Tullye was a fierce battle between the Sea Mither - the life giving summer sea - and Teran, the spirit of winter with the two clashing as one season gave way to the next. The encounter is said to have lasted for weeks and manifested itself in devastating storms that churned the sea into a boiling froth, according to heritage and folklore site orkneyjar.com. The Sea Mither would always win the battle, with Teran banished to the sea bed until the Autumnal Equinox, where he would rise and win supremacy once again. (Scotsman 20/03/2018)

Finally, I was saddened to learn that Krishan Kamra, husband to Ardis and father to Kerri, passed away on January 22nd. For all of you who have lost friends or relatives, I convey my deepest sympathies.

Keep you and yours as safe and happy as you can

Frae Deacon Wayne:

What a joy that daylight is extending into the late afternoon/evening. We as humans crave the sunshine and/or light. However we also celebrate the changing seasons. Although many of us feel COVID is a season that goes on and on.

Our ancestors in 1918-1920 managed to “plod” through the Spanish Flu although the worldwide death rate was much higher. In this century, we have the benefit of science, health wisdom, technology and so much more.

And we see so many examples of people helping others. If you examine the discussion prior to the biblical parable of the Good Samaritan, you will hear Jesus answering the question of how to receive ‘eternal life’? Jesus said: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself”. (Luke 10:25)

And of course, our neighbour is anyone in

need. And there are so many examples of people helping other people - bringing groceries, medications from the pharmacy, other supplies, taking time to visit outside, a telephone call or a ZOOM call or helping someone make a reservation for a vaccine.

So this Spring, we give thanks for people willing to help others and working hard to keep themselves and their neighbours safe from this Pan-demic.

We give thanks for all that we have in our corner of this earth. We give thanks to health care workers, frontline workers and emergency workers and so many more who cannot work from home. We remember those who have succumbed to this dastardly Pandemic. And we give thanks for our faith in God who encourages us to share our talent, our time and our resources with others and be little lights of hope for tomorrow.

Blessings, Deacon Wayne McCulloch

Markham, Ontario

Thank You

Thank you to Clans and Scottish Societies of Canada for generously sharing their Zoom facilities with CMAC. We were able to hold our AGM on 27 Feb 2021 and the attendees joined from Scarborough, England, to Victoria, BC, and points in between. The meeting went well and it was a delight to be able to see and hear the participants. For our next meeting in May, we are planning a more social event just to gather and chat and enjoy being able to be together. We are all looking forward to a time when we can meet in person and when the CMAC information table can be set up at Highland Games.

Clan Munro Association of Canada

Fort George, Ardersier, Scotland

From George Munro, Hon. Treas. CM(A)

Early Life of the Fort



Being transferred to the Fort was certainly no jolly for those sent there. Life for the 1600 or so men in it was heavily regulated and had very few facilities for the few married men. There certainly were no married quarters and any children they had were forced to sleep wherever they could find a space. Men of the rank of private, cooked, ate and slept, two to a bed, in the same room as seven others.

Apart from the misery of the fort's facilities, another big problem was its remoteness to such an extent that its soldiers referred to it as FORT MISERY. In fact its remoteness was seen as an asset by the British Government in that it was used as a detention place for Irish political prisoners captured in the Wexford Rising of 1798.

The demanding needs for fighting soldiers came to the fore in the late 18th century which meant that there was a more pressing role for those men who were at Fort George. As a result the garrisoning needs at the fort was given to a group known as "the Invalids Company", men unfit for active service but capable of performing garrison duty.

It was not long however before the Government assessed that the threat from the Jacobite movement had been largely extinguished in the Highland area and such a new use should be found for their elaborate fort in the remote Highlands of Scotland.

Forward Operational Use

Into the early 19th century the effectiveness of it as a fortification was raised. The invention of the shrapnel shell meant that the landward side of the fort was open to attack from the high hills just beyond it. The state of the art impregnable fort was no longer that.

Following the peaceful time after the conclusion of the Napoleonic Wars in 1815 there was an order to dismantle all the Highland forts but the Government decided to save Fort George.

The outbreak of the Crimean War with Russia in 1854 came to the rescue of Fort George with Highland militia training there for active



service. Its strategic position on the Moray Firth was set to play an important role in 1859 when Napoleon III threatened a seaward invasion of Britain. Its entire seaward side was radically rearmed with the latest of

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military hardware. Fortunately these defences were never tested.

The Childers Reforms of the Army in 1881 saw the 72nd (Highland) Regiment of Foot and the 78th (Highlanders) Regiment of Foot amalgamate to form a new Regiment named the Seaforth Highlanders. The Seaforth were allocated to Fort George and had their first parade there in July 1883. Following another amalgamation in 1961 the Cameron Highlanders left their base in Inverness when they joined with the Seaforths at Fort George to form the Queen's Own Highlanders. The Queen's Own left Fort George following a further series of amalgamations leading to the formation of the Royal Regiment of Scotland. Currently, since 2007, the Fort has become the base of the Black Watch Regiment, the 3rd Battalion Royal Regiment of Scotland, back close to where they started at the first Fort George.

Current Situation at Fort George:

While the site remains a military base much of it is now open to the public under the Historic Environment Scotland, a tourism/historic wing of the Scottish Government. Visitors get a look back at what life was like there in its early days as well as viewings of the Grand Magazine display, the Seaford Collection of arms and to the Regimental Chapel.

In addition, visitors can enter the former Lieutenant Governor's house, home of the Highlanders Museum, the official museum of the Queen's Own Highlanders and the Lovat Scouts. A great deal of memorabilia, medals,

paintings, uniforms and regimental regalia is on display from the various regiments and includes links to their respective Highland clans. Indeed one of the rooms in the recently revamped Museum is called The Munro Room, in recognition to the generous donation from the wider Munro family of Foulis Castle to its Reconstruction costs. Hector Munro, Clan Chief, commenting on the donations is quoted as saying, "In the past two hundred years many Munros and twenty-seven of my immediate family have served with distinction in the Seaforth Highlanders and their successor regiments.

In 2016 the then Secretary of State for Defence, Sir Michael Fallon, announced that



Fort George would no longer be used for defence purposes as it is considered the Highland Rebellions are now over.

As long as people survive on this Earth the barracks at Fort George will be there as memorial to the Jacobites and those poor Highlanders who gave up their lives for the cause, even if just as a ruined state.



Scottish Culture & Music Scholarship

Clan Ramsay is expanding its interest and influence in Scottish Culture by establishing a scholarship that promotes and encourages Scottish Arts and Culture. The Clan already awards a medal for the Grade One Amateur Piper of the Day at the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games.

The annual scholarship will support one or more students at an accredited school or learning facility that teaches bagpiping, drumming, fiddling or Scottish dancing.

In this our first year of such a scholarship, the Clan will make available \$1,000 to support the scholarship. Those funds will be available to pay up to \$1,000 or 75% of the cost of tuition/attendance, whichever is less, at an accredited

teaching institution. For example, if the total cost of attending the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming is \$715 for 2021 and that includes tuition, room and board, the Clan Ramsay scholarship will pay 75% of \$715 or \$536. The scholarship recipient would be responsible for the balance.

The scholarship(s) will be available to anyone who meets the criteria but priority will be given to Clan Ramsay members and their families.

Scholarship applicants must be between 12 and 18 years of age. If the applicant is under the age of 18, the application must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Application for the scholarship will be in the form of a letter from the applicant addressed to Clan Ramsay Scholarship, 434 Skinner Blvd, Dunedin FL 34698.

The application must be received by May 1, 2021. The winning applicant or applicants will be announced in May and the funds will be available through the end of 2021.

The application letter must include, the applicant's name, age, address, email address and phone number; the amount of training, if any, the applicant has had; a brief (300 word) essay that states why the applicant wants the scholarship; the name of the academy or teaching facility or institution the applicant wants to attend and a letter of recommendation from an accredited instructor or teacher of the instrument or dance the applicant wants to pursue.

www.clanramsay.org/scholarship.shtml

Yours, Aye Ora et Labor

Dick McGraw

Judith Demais Waddy Ramsey Story

Monroe Waddy, 1st husband of my paternal great Grandmother, Judith Demaris Waddy Ramsey, was a Confederate soldier who was killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro, TN soon after their marriage in Henry Co., TN. Judith Waddy's parents, Dr. Robert K. and Mary Ann Clark Waddy, had a marriage pact with a well-to-do neighbor, thinking it a good thing for their land to be all together. As Judith's parents would not consent to her marrying anyone but the neighbor's son, she ran away with a much-beloved cousin, Monroe Waddy, but he immediately left for the war and killed at the Battle of Murfreesboro. His body rest beside the other nameless soldiers who had a wooden slab for a marker.

Judith married her 2nd, a Methodist minister, Rev. Nathaniel Preston Ramsey, 26 Apr 1864, in Gibson Co., TN. Years later, while Rev. Ramsey was serving the Clinton, Hickman Co., KY Methodist charge, a passing neighbor ask him "how in the world did you ever get such a fine wife?" to which the Rev. replied, "I married her during the war when men were scarce." Judith was well educated and graduated from school at age 16. Her aunt, Lyde "Eliza" Clark, widow of Achilles Clark, was principle of the Tennessee Female College in Franklin, TN. Another of Judith's aunts, "aunt Mattie" took a position at the college and part of her salary went toward the tuition of two of Judith's daughters to attend

the college for two years.

Judith Demaris Waddy Ramsey's mother, Mary Ann Clark Waddy, was the first child and daughter of John Moorman Clark and Martha Hurt, who transported their young family to Henry Co. TN from Fairfax Co., VA in 1836. An account of the Clark's migration has been preserved in the "Recollections" of Mrs. Demmie Waddy Hunt, who recorded that they journeyed from Halifax Co., VA in what at the time was called 'Clock Wagons', a one-horse wagon with specially fitted springs and good frames covered over, much like the one-horse ice wagons, only not as heavy. These early Clark and Moorman families of Virginia descend from the Clarks and Moormans who sailed together on the ship Glasgow, from Southampton, England to Barbados, West Indies in 1669, eventually settling to Virginia.

Judith's husband, Rev. Nathaniel P. Ramsey, died in Clinton, KY in 1895, being predeceased by Judith some five years. They were interred at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Humboldt, TN. A stained glass window at the Humboldt First United Methodist Church was given in honor of and dedicated to Rev. Nathaniel Preston Ramsey and Judith Demaris Ramsey. Nathaniel P. Ramsey was pastor of the Humboldt Church for three years and performed the marriage ceremonies for two of his daughters at the Humboldt church.

Submitted by Lee K. Ramsey



Judith Demaris
Waddy Ramsey



Rev. Nathaniel
Preston Ramsey

Clan Ramsay

President's Letter

Fellow Clan members:

You will see elsewhere in the newsletter that we are announcing a scholarship to support Scottish Culture and Music.

The Clan believes it is important to do what we can to support and teach others about Scottish arts and culture. Learning about and advancing that culture begins with young people. That's why the Clan is offering art and culture scholarships to people between the ages of 12 and 18.

We also believe that if the student has a little skin in the game in the way of some of the cost of the training, they might have a greater interest in getting the most out of the course. That is why we decided to subsidize just 75% of the cost of training up to a maximum of \$1,000.

We hope to get several applications for both music and dancing scholarship. If that is the case, the Clan may embark on a fund-raising drive to support future scholarships. If this effort is successful, we would plan on making the announcement in December and awarding the 2022 scholarship(s) in January or February of 2022.

One way to raise funds for a scholarship is to sell to clan members items with the clan

crest, much like other clans do or that you can also buy from vendors at highland games. Although what you buy from the vendors is likely to be more expensive than if they were available from the clan.

For example, whisky glasses like the one pictured are available on-line for \$30 plus shipping. Bought in bulk with The Ramsay Crest and motto, they could be made available to members for half that. Before we undertake such a task, however, we would need to know if there is enough interest among the members. Let me know your thoughts.

Similarly, if there is sufficient interest and someone is willing to take it on, we could have a modest Clan Ramsay Store with tee shirts, hoodies, hats, whisky glasses, etc. Let me know if you are interested in those things as well and especially if you have retail experience and are willing to handle such a project.

For those of you who submitted material for this issue of the newsletter, thank you very much! Some very interesting reading—especially the one from Joe Romey.

Yours, Aye Ora et Labor
Dick McGraw, President
Clan Ramsay International



General George Ramsay

He was the 9th Earl of Dalhousie, (23 October 1770 – 21 March 1838), styled Lord Ramsay until 1787, and Baron Dalhousie from 1815, and was also was a Scottish soldier and colonial administrator. He was Governor of Nova Scotia (Canada) from 1816 to 1820, Governor General of British North America from 1820 to 1828 and later Commander-in-Chief in India.

Ramsay created Dalhousie College, Nova Scotia's first college, which grew into Dalhousie University. He was appointed, Governor General of British North America in 1820 and held that position until 1828.

It was while he was serving as Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia (Canada) that he founded Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The town of Dalhousie, New Brunswick (Canada) was named after him when he visited there in 1826. The villages of East and West Dalhousie in Nova Scotia are named after him, as are Earltown and Port Dalhousie, a community near St. Catharines, Ontario (Canada), a community in Calgary Alberta (Canada), Dalhousie Station and an adjacent square, Dalhousie Square in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Submitted by Andrea MacFarlane-Grieve

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Great Scots!



Canadian Authors with links to Scotland Online Talk with Doug Gibson

After performing over 200 shows around the world about Canadian authors, Douglas Gibson and his tech savvy wife Jane have produced this new 65-minute online show featuring many of Anthony Jenkins' caricatures of the selected fiction writers Douglas will bring to the screen.

Among the authors described in detail are predictable names of authors he knew well, like Hugh MacLennan, Alistair MacLeod, Margaret Laurence, W.O. Mitchell, and Alice Munro, our Nobel-Prize winner, but there are many more. Some, like Philippe-Joseph Aubert de Gaspé, Mavis Gallant, Ralph Connor, or Stephen Leacock, may well surprise many attendees.

It will be a journey through history, with stories and anecdotes placing authors against their historic background. For each of the chosen authors, the show includes a burst of music from his or her time, along with examples of iconic works of art that were being produced then—a tribute to Canadian artists in general.

As many of you will know, Doug is a former President of the St Andrews Society of Toronto. He is generously contributing this show in the hope that people who enjoy it will make a donation to the Society.

Born in Scotland in 1943, Doug Gibson came to Canada in 1967. He spent his career as an Editor and Publisher, becoming what the *Globe and Mail* called "a publishing icon." The fiction authors he edited over the years include Hugh MacLennan, Morley Callaghan, Robertson Davies, Terry Fallis, Mavis Gallant and Alice Munro. The non-fiction writers he helped behind the scenes range from Ken Dryden to Pierre Trudeau, from Barry Broadfoot to Brian Mulroney, and from Greenpeace's Bob Hunter to Paul Martin.

Since he "retired" from McClelland & Stewart in 2008, he has become an author. His first book, *STORIES ABOUT STORYTELLERS: Publishing Alice Munro, Robertson Davies, Alistair MacLeod, Pierre Trudeau, and Others* appeared in 2011, with an Introduction by Alice Munro.

In 2015 he brought out *ACROSS CANADA BY STORY: A Coast-to-Coast Literary Adventure*.

This free event takes place on Wednesday April 21st at 7.30pm. To register by email, click [here](#).

You will then be sent the appropriate Zoom login information on Monday 19th April. Please register no later than Sunday, April 18th.

Nessie Sighting!



The Loch Ness monster, or Nessie, is a creature that is said to inhabit Loch Ness, near Inverness in the Scottish Highlands. Popular interest and belief in the creature have varied since it was brought to worldwide attention in 1933 although the very first sighting was said to have been by St. Columba back in 565 AD.

The fifth sighting of 2021 was caught on webcam on March 17th. Click on the photo of Nessie above to watch the webcam footage and make up your mind as to its existence yourself! To read the full story in the Inverness Courier, click [here](#).

Technology Help

It's not a level playing field with technology access and knowledge. While CASSOC has made advances, we know many of our members are unavailable to take advantage of online meetings such as we've used for our recent AGM. For this reason, we're offering to assist any of our member groups run an online meeting such as their AGM.

Contact CASSOC by email (chair@cassoc.ca) for more details.

St Andrews Society of Toronto

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Scottish Word of the Month

Doo
pigeon

"Foos yer doos?"
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Founded in 1976, CASSOC's purpose is:

- To advance Scottish Cultural Heritage in Canada, such Scottish culture be defined to include, but not be restricted to, traditional Highland, Island and Lowland cultures, whether in Scotland, Canada or wherever Scottish Culture may be expressed;
- To foster the organization of and co-operation and communication between Scottish federations, clans, societies or groups through the initiation and co-ordination of projects and undertakings;

Membership in CASSOC is open to any and all organizations which promote or encourage some aspect of Scottish tradition or culture, represent a link between the Scottish people and their descendants and relations in Canada, or seek to develop an understanding of the role Scotland and its culture has played in the development of Canada and its history.

Patrons:

Charles Edward Bruce, Lord Bruce, DL MA MSc FSA Scot
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Meetings 2021—2022:

The last General Assembly meeting was held on November 29, 2020

The 2021 Spring Delegate's meeting is April 11 as a Tartan Week Party.

The next General Assembly meeting will be held November 2021, at a date, location and/or virtually as the situation permits.

Scheduling of regular meetings from 2022 onward is pending.

AN DROCHAID – The Bridge is the newsletter of CASSOC and will be published in March, June, September and December. Items for publication should be submitted to the Editor, editor@cassoc.ca

Guidelines for submissions are:

Submissions due by the first of the month of publication

Word/text readable format is preferred

A grant of right of use for publication and posting on the web is implied

Submitter must be able to legally provide the contents. For instance, please ensure that you have image rights for persons in photographs.

Publication of material is at the sole final discretion of the newsletter editor

Format, length and content may be adjusted by the editor as deemed necessary

CASSOC, the editor and agents assume no responsibility nor liability for submitted content in terms of factual correctness or right of use.

All submissions will be published with the implied or explicit attribution of source.

Any member group of CASSOC may submit an advertisement to AD at no cost.

Website:

The website contains, among other things, a list of Scottish and Celtic Events in Canada, Canadian Regional tartans, and a list of our member groups with a link to their websites and other digital media, as well as their membership contact information. On the Events list, for each date, our member group events are highlighted with a link to their website.

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Membership Report and Updates

Membership Report

We have 39 Clans, 5 Societies, 5 Games and 3 Business groups for a total of 52 members.

Member Roll - As of date of publication

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Clan CARRUTHERS Society International
Clan CHISHOLM Society - Canada Branch
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Clan FORBES Society, Inc
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Clan PRINGLE North America
Clan RAMSAY International
Clan SINCLAIR Association of Canada
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Associations

New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association – NBSCA Scottish Studies Foundation
Ontario Ancestors: THE Ontario Genealogical Society
Scottish Studies Foundation
St Andrew's Society of Toronto
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Festivals

CALEDONIA Celtic Festival
COBOURG Highland Games Society
FERGUS Scottish Festival & Highland Games
KINCARDINE Scottish Festival & Highland Games
KINGSVILLE Highland Games

Businesses

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Benefits and Offers

A reminder about ongoing benefits and offers.

Communication

Your reach can extend to over 2000 enthusiasts in our member groups and beyond through our online availability.

Advertising

Post your upcoming calendar for events in our quarterly newsletter as well as online. If you've an online presence we'll include the appropriate links.

Highland Games, Festivals and other events

CASSOC provides support a voice for all our members at events so that you are represented even if not present.

CASSOC Members Binder

Your group is represented in this membership binder with such as organization information, tartans, septs and contact details that is available for us and all members to display at events. This is a terrific draw for booth visitors and a starting point for engagement with those new to Scottish heritage.

National Representation

You are part of the national voice for clans and societies in promoting all of our interests with local, provincial and federal contacts as well with international entities such as the Scottish Clan and Ancestry Forum and Scottish North America Leadership.

Special Events and Offers

To provide awareness of Scottish culture and specifically clan groups, CASSOC organizes events such as the annual Kilt Skate. Support and awareness is also provided to other events provided by you as a member. We also provide the means for specific offers such as the discounts that follow.

Burnett's & Struth - We're pleased to announce the continuing member benefit of a 15% discount with Burnett's and Struth Scottish Regalia Ltd. For further details on how to use this discount, restrictions and locations, please visit their CASSOC page at Burnett's & Struth.

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Pipers and Speakers

The following are affiliated with our membership and available for bookings.

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An Drochaid - The Bridge

Each edition of the newsletter will feature a new image of a bridge submitted by our group members or otherwise sourced

This edition features the Tay Rail Bridge across the Firth of Tay in Scotland between Dundee and the suburb of Wormit in Fife. Photo from member Ruth Jones as sent from her cousin Irene Robertson.

Many thanks to all who have provided pictures, please feel free to submit your favourite images of crossings to us. Details and attribution such as license and owner is needed.

An Drochaid is published quarterly.

Submissions are extraordinarily welcome, though articles may be edited for length or content.

CASSOC assumes no responsibility for content including dates for events.

Please verify by contacting organizers, visiting websites and other sources.

Whenever possible, please provide Word, RTF or text formats

The next issue of An Drochaid will be the Summer issue.

Please try to provide submissions by the first week in June.

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